

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING TROY SPRING

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Troy Spring. Troy is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Troy has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Troy has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Troy has earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and led his troop as the Patrol Leader. Troy has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Troy led a team in removing and replacing more than 300 feet of fencing at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri. The fenced area houses a Cars Ministry facility, which provides basic car maintenance for single mothers and low-income families.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Troy Spring for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF CECIL MOZEL BAILEY

#### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Cecil Mozel Bailey who recently passed away on February 23 at the age of 91. Cecil was a man of God dedicated to his faith, family, and community. I consider myself fortunate to count Cecil and his family as personal friends and I know he will be greatly missed.

Cecil was born on November 11, 1922, in Grand Saline, Texas. The values of family and hard work were ingrained in Cecil from an early age as he grew up helping his parents, Harvey and Tennie Fisher Bailey, on the family farm. After graduating from Grand Saline High School, he received an offer to play football for Arlington State College. Cecil then decided to serve his country in the United States Army where he was stationed in Germany.

After returning home from war, Cecil and his wife Wanda raised their family together while Cecil worked as a warehouse superintendent with A&P Grocery in Dallas and served as a Sunday school teacher and deacon at Urban Park Baptist Church.

Following the passing of his wife Wanda, Cecil returned to Grand Saline, where he later married again. He and his wife, Irene, then moved to Canton where they retired. His faith was important to him, and together, Cecil and Irene Bailey helped start Lakeside Baptist Church. Cecil continued to actively serve the Lord as the Chairman of the deacons.

Family was always important to Cecil. The Baileys enjoyed many trips together, traveling to Israel, Hawaii, Alaska, New England, and Branson. Cecil also spent time growing large vegetable gardens, canning produce, and sharing what he grew with his family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Cecil Bailey. He was a man who fully believed in the values of faith, family, and community. I believe everyone can benefit from his example and the life he lived.

### TRIBUTE TO ASHLEY JARED

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Ashley Jared of the Iowa Finance Authority in Des Moines, Iowa, for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of nearly 600 business leaders and growing.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Ashley in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Ms. Jared for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Ashley on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

### RECOGNIZING KENT HANCE FOR HIS DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF TEXAS AND TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

#### HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a good friend of mine, a great friend of Texas, and one of the finest examples of a public servant: Texas Tech University System Chancellor Kent Hance. In his nearly 8 years as head of Texas Tech, Chancellor Hance has become a staple in the community and a beloved figure on campus.

Famous for knowing every Texas mascot, a trait that he and I share, students are often greeted by him with a fist bump and a quiz on high school mascots while on their way to class. From the Itasca Wampus Cats to the Hamlin Pied Pipers, there's not a student on campus he hasn't won over with his down-to-earth demeanor and palpable dedication to the students.

Under Chancellor Hance's leadership, Texas Tech has repeatedly broken its enrollment records for the last five years, with more than 33,000 enrolled in the fall of 2013. The university has grown, expanded, and renovated, putting it on track to reach the university's milestone goal of 40,000 students by 2020. With the incredible achievement of not only reaching, but surpassing the \$1 billion goal during the most ambitious fundraising effort ever undertaken by Texas Tech, Chancellor Hance has certainly set the stage for success in Lubbock, TX. His quick wit, famous stories and steadfast dedication to his alma mater will certainly be missed upon his retirement.

I wish my friend Kent Hance the best of luck in his next endeavor and thank him for the tremendous legacy he is still creating. From his early days in Texas politics, to his service in the U.S. Congress, to his successful law firm, Chancellor Hance makes a difference everywhere he goes. He lives by his own motto to "dream no little dreams," and I look forward to seeing what his dreams have in store for him, and for us, next.

### TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT AFFIRMATION AND NAVAL VESSEL TRANSFER ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

#### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 7, 2014*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the passage of this reaffirmation of the Taiwan Relations Act and to the longstanding relationship between the United States and Taiwan. The Taiwan Relations Act,

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TRA, helped codify our pledge to the people of Taiwan and serves as a reminder that the continued support and strengthening of U.S.-Taiwan relations aids our mutual interests and shared values.

Over the last few decades, Taiwan has emerged as a global leader in innovative technology and the heart of Asia's IT and Knowledge Economy sectors. Through the implementation of sound free-market policies and promotion of democratic ideals, we have seen a small agrarian economy transform itself into a growing global leader in the technology sector. Taiwan is now the world's second largest producer of ICT goods, and companies like Acer and HTC are now household names.

Our mutually beneficial cooperation and exchange with Taiwan has helped dozens of American companies meet their ever-growing demand for equipment and expertise. The partnerships between American and Taiwanese innovators and job creators ensured a virtuous cycle of economic development in Taiwan and lower costs for American consumers.

The U.S. should welcome Taiwanese participation in efforts to advance regional economic integration, such as the Trans Pacific Partnership. Taiwan is one of the region's most dynamic economies and its entry into the TPP will substantially expand the market encompassed by the agreement. Additionally, Taiwan's recent experience transitioning from a developing, domestically focused economy to a globally integrated economy will be invaluable as TPP partners make difficult choices and reforms to comply with higher standards set by TPP.

As a longstanding friend of Taiwan, I am proud to voice my support for this resolution today. Few could have foreseen the political and economic progress that Taiwan has undergone since 1979. Our commitment to broadening and deepening our commercial and investment linkages with Taiwan will ensure that the spirit of the TRA endures and contributes to mutual prosperity on both sides of the Pacific.

#### A TRIBUTE TO BRENDA LEVIN

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brenda Levin of Los Angeles, upon receiving the 2014 Rose Award from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation. The Rose Award is being given to Ms. Levin for her extraordinary contributions to the quality of life in Los Angeles.

Ms. Levin received her education in graphic design at Carnegie Mellon and New York Universities and in architecture at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Born in New York, Ms. Levin moved to Los Angeles in 1976 and worked for architect John Lautner for two years. Ms. Levin's first project in Los Angeles with the firm Group Arcon was renovation of the James Oviatt building. She then established her own architecture and urban planning firm, Levin & Associates Architects, in Los Angeles in the year 1980.

In the 1980s, Ms. Levin connected with the urban revitalization pioneers, who successfully

revived segments of the city that had been disregarded. Ms. Levin is known for revitalizing Los Angeles's urban, historic, and cultural forum and pioneering in the preservation of significant historical landmarks. Noteworthy examples of her historic preservation and adaptive re-use work on Los Angeles's most valued icons include: the Bradbury Building, Grand Central Market, Wilton Theater, Los Angeles City Hall, and Griffith Observatory.

Ms. Levin's portfolio also incorporates designing new institutional, commercial, and multi-family housing facilities. In addition, she has been involved in the design of cultural buildings such as: The Boone Gallery at the Huntington Library, National Center for the Preservation of Democracy, the Autry National Center and Southwest Museums. More recent projects include Dodger Stadium, Wilshire Boulevard Temple, the Hercules Campus at Playa Vista, and Los Angeles County's Ford Amphitheatre.

Ms. Levin's exceptional work has been recognized with numerous awards. She is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and the AIA/Los Angeles selected her recipient of the 2010 Gold Metal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual. A significant virtue of Ms. Levin's work has been the preservation of historical sites for generations to come.

I hereby ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring Brenda Levin for her exemplary service and commitment to the Los Angeles community.

#### TRIBUTE TO JASON KIESAU

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Jason Kiesau of Merit Resources in Urbandale, Iowa, for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of nearly 600 business leaders and growing.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Jason in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Kiesau for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Jason on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

#### INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING A DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM AT THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

### HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is critical that we continue to improve access for women and minorities to jobs and contract opportunities in the field of transportation.

As the Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials I am introducing legislation today establishing a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program at the Federal Railroad Administration so that women and minority owned businesses will be guaranteed participation in any new passenger and high speed rail initiatives.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has been the leader in ensuring minority and women owned participation in transportation projects, advocating for a reasonable 10% set aside for businesses that often struggle to compete on an uneven playing field with larger firms. Currently, each of the other modes of transportation have a successful DBE program, and it is critical that the Federal Railroad Administration develop a program for these same businesses.

The Congressional Black Caucus has made strengthening Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) programs at the Department of Transportation a top priority, and will continue to push to ensure that these worthy goals are being met.

This legislation will keep the American Dream alive for many women and minority owned companies and I encourage its swift passage and implementation.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE LUZERNE COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the men and women of Luzerne County Emergency Responders and Public Safety Telecommunicators, who on April 12, 2014 will hold a Public Safety Open House to celebrate National County Government Month and National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Emergencies that require police, fire, or emergency medical services can occur at any time. When an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics is critical to saving lives and protecting homes. The safety and success of our police officers and firefighters depends upon the quality and accuracy of information provided through the Luzerne County 911 communications center.

Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services. They serve as the

vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them with essential situation information, and insuring their safety. Public Safety Telecommunicators of Luzerne County 911 play a substantial role in fighting crime, suppressing fires, and ensuring patients receive necessary and timely treatment. These dispatchers exhibit compassion, understanding, and professionalism in performing this crucial public service.

I am honored to recognize these exceptional men and women for their distinguished service to their fellow citizens. Their diligence and professionalism keeps our community and our loved ones safe, and I thank them for all their work to protect Luzerne County.

#### HONORING THE GRANDVIEW C-4 SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak to the extraordinary accomplishments of the Grandview C-4 School District located in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. The contributions this institution has made to the community are beyond measure. And more importantly, to celebrate the positive differences made by the talented, dedicated, and hard-working people who are now, and have been in years past, a part of this school system.

In an April 9, 1914, election, Grandview, High Grove, Maple Ridge, and Mastin school districts were consolidated into the Grandview School District. In the early 1950s, two more school districts, including Martin City, became part of Consolidated School District No. 4 or Grandview C14 School District.

Through the years, district enrollment has grown from 523 students in 1948, to its current enrollment of more than 4,200 students. In 2013–2014, the district had the highest percentage increase in enrollment of any school on the Missouri side of the Kansas City area. The district has one high school, one middle school, one K–8 school, four elementary schools, an early childhood center and an alternative school.

I. 2013, the Grandview C-4 School District was recognized as one of the top performing districts in the state, according to final Annual Performance Report (APR) data released by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Grandview C-4 School District earned "Accredited with Distinction" status based on the current fifth cycle Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP 5) scoring guide, with a district-wide score of 93.6 percent.

On April 9th the district will recognize its 100th anniversary. Historic photos spanning the district's 100 year history will be displayed at several public places throughout the Grandview and South Kansas City area. More celebrations are planned throughout the year—all of them richly deserved.

For 100 years, the Grandview C-4 School District has been the fabric of the community. Considering the challenges many of our families face, many parents take pride in the education their children get from the C-4. Many of

these same parents, who now send their children to C-4, were themselves students at C-4 in the past, as their parents were as well. They demonstrate this pride not just year after year, but generation after generation.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the Grandview C-4 School District today. Grandview is a top-tier school district, comparable to the most elite of districts. We have a glorious past and look forward to an exciting future.

#### HONORING SPENCER DAUGHERTY

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Spencer Daugherty. Spencer is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 360, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Spencer has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Spencer has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Spencer has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Spencer installed landscaping for the Northland Therapeutic Riding Center in Holt, Missouri, which provides equine activities for people with special needs of all ages and abilities.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Spencer Daugherty for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### VISITORS FROM THE NATIVE VIL- LAGE OF SHISHMAREF, ALASKA COME TO CONGRESS

#### HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I recently had two very special visitors come to my office from the Native Village of Shishmaref, Alaska. Mr. Johnson Eningowk and Richard Kuzuguk made the long journey from Alaska to Washington, DC to educate and inform Members of Congress about the real life challenges to their families and community from climate change, as well as the endless pressure of oil companies seeking offshore oil production.

Living on an island in the Chukchi Sea that is three miles long and one-half mile wide, Mr. Eningowk and Mr. Kuzuguk want to continue to practice their traditional way of life—fishing, hunting, gathering and sustaining a healthy relationship with the natural resources they have traditionally depended upon for generations. They want to share this way of life with their community's children and future generations.

Unfortunately, the effects of climate change are changing their traditional way of life, including raising real concerns about whether their home will survive erosion and a rising

sea. Oil companies are pressuring for more leasing opportunities and a greater presence both on land and in the coastal waters of Alaska. Both climate change and oil exploration have the potential to devastate Native Alaskan fishing and hunting grounds.

It takes courage for two men to travel far from home to tell their story and ask for help. I want to thank Mr. Eningowk and Mr. Kuzuguk for coming to Washington and telling Congress their story. Native Alaskans have a voice that must be heard as Congress debates issues that will directly affect their lives, livelihoods, and future generations.

The members of the Native Village of Shishmaref Council passed a resolution last year that I would like to submit. Their call for a moratorium on new oil and gas leases in the Arctic Ocean should be heeded. Congress and the Executive Branch need to consult and dialogue directly with Native Alaskans as these policies are being discussed and decided. The future of their way of life is at stake.

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE ARCTIC OCEAN TO MAINTAIN ITS BIODIVERSITY FOR THE FOOD SECURITY, TRIBAL HEALTH, AND CULTURAL IDENTITY OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS, RESOLUTION No. 13-05

Whereas, Alaska's indigenous people are inextricably linked to the land and sea, depending on the natural world for our food security, community well-being, and cultural identity;

Whereas, the Arctic Ocean and surrounding ecosystem have sustained Arctic indigenous peoples for thousands of years;

Whereas, The Arctic Ocean has been recognized through science and traditional knowledge as one of the most biologically important places on Earth;

Whereas, the Arctic Ocean is home to whales, seals, walrus, and other migratory animals that many Alaskan Tribes depend on for their food security;

Whereas, many animals and fish that Tribes across Alaska depend on for their food security migrate to and from the Arctic each year;

Whereas, many Tribes along the Arctic coast continue to share and trade traditional foods from the Arctic Ocean with other indigenous communities;

Whereas, food security is a basic human right recognized by the United Nations and affirmed by the United States in the International Covenant of Civil and Political rights;

Whereas, climate change is causing severe coastal erosion, loss of sea ice, ocean acidification, and changes to the migratory animals we depend on for our food security;

Whereas, the loss of sea ice and other impacts from climate change are having an impact on our ability to hunt and provide for our families;

Whereas, increased shipping and vessel traffic through Arctic waterways, and the threat of offshore drilling and exploration, puts additional impacts on the ocean and coastal communities;

Whereas, the United States government and other Arctic Nations are moving forward with plans to make further develop the Arctic Ocean;

Whereas, Alaska's indigenous Tribes must stand together to support a vision for the Arctic that protects our way of life and puts our people first;

Whereas, Tribes must be at the forefront of planning for the future of the Arctic ecosystem;

Whereas, the traditional knowledge and wisdom of the elders, passed down through

generations, is invaluable for understanding the Arctic ecosystem and best management practices; now therefore be it

*Resolved*, That a comprehensive and scientifically proven mitigation and monitoring plan must be developed to provide oversight to Arctic industrial activities that could impact our food security, way of life, and the health of our peoples, and be it further

*Resolved*, That the United States should not issue any new oil and gas leases in the Arctic Ocean until comprehensive and scientifically proven plan is in place to determine the impacts, and whether development can be done without jeopardizing the safety of nearby villages, food security, and the migratory animals that Tribes depend on, and be it

*Resolved*, That the United States must consult with and engage in a process with Tribes to determine appropriate deferral areas and other protective measures for the important cultural, biological, and subsistence use areas of the Arctic Ocean ecosystem to ensure our food security, cultural identity, and protect our way of life.

#### TRIBUTE TO BRAD MAGG

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Brad Magg, owner of Goldie's Ice Cream Shop and Magg Family Catering, for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, *Business Record*.

Since 2000, *Business Record* has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of nearly 600 business leaders and growing.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Brad in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Magg for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Brad on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at *Business Record* for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

#### TRIBUTE TO COACH ANDREW TRENKEL AND THE MAINE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CONSTITUTION TEAM

### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Coach Trenkle and the

Maine South High School Constitution Team for their achievement in winning the Illinois State Title of the "We the People: the Citizen and the Constitution" competition. This fantastic accomplishment marks the twenty-second time in twenty-three years that Maine South's team has won the title.

The "We the People: the Citizen and the Constitution" program, sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, promotes civic competence and responsibility through course study and mock Congressional hearings. Students study the fundamentals of our Constitutional Democracy and learn applied critical thinking, debate, and teamwork. The "We the People" program encourages civic engagement and promotes a next generation of leaders, a mission that the Maine South team accepted and achieved.

Congratulations to all the members of the 2013–2014 Maine South Constitution team: Coach Andrew Trenkle, Hope Allchin, Peter Barac, Meg Boyce, Molly Butler, Alex Campbell, Ryan Curry, Ryan Delsart, Max Edsey, Lily Elderkin, Brendan Foley, Hannah Ferstel, Jenna Galuska, Danielle Gomez, Nicole Hassman, Jordan Helms, Brian Johnson, Kian Khalili, Frank Lally, Cara Laskowski, Taylor Martell, Emilie McGuire, Katherine Miles, Hayley Miller, Peter Mocarski, James Mroz, Madeline Schulze, Samantha Smart, Lauren Smith, Amanda Sremac, and Amanda Svachula.

On behalf of the Ninth Congressional District of Illinois, I congratulate you on your success, and wish you the best of luck in the national competition.

#### RECOGNIZING THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA FALUN DAFA ASSOCIATION

### HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, we recognize the Greater Philadelphia Falun Dafa Association for its contribution to the advancement of the arts in the Philadelphia region, notably its presentation of the Shen Yun Performing Arts program at the Merriam Theater in Philadelphia, April 25th through April 27th. This outstanding dance and music company promotes traditional Chinese culture and heritage in the United States and around the world. Shen Yun has graced many of the world's greatest stages, performing in more than 100 cities on five continents. Its brilliant productions feature classical, ethnic and folk dance, and music showcasing 5,000 years of civilization and the wisdom of Chinese legends. Therefore, we express our appreciation to the Greater Philadelphia Falun Dafa Association for bringing this company of performers to our area. In so doing, a significant contribution is being made to arts and culture in the Philadelphia region.

#### HONORING DONALD ALLEN KANDBINDER

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Donald Allen Kandlbinder. Donald is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Donald has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Donald has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Donald has earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and led his troop as the Quartermaster. Donald has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Donald cleaned and stained a wooden pathway and eight wooden benches in the outdoor recess area at Liberty Early Childhood Center in Kansas City, Missouri. Donald also led his troop in building 28 plexiglass iPad easels for the preschool center.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Donald Allen Kandlbinder for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MS. INERIA ELIZABETH HANLEY HUDNELL

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Ineria Elizabeth Hanley Hudnell of West Palm Beach, Florida. Ms. Hudnell is the much loved and widely respected historian and archivist of West Palm Beach's black community. A retired schoolteacher, Ms. Hudnell has spent more than three decades collecting memorabilia, news stories, and photographs of West Palm Beach's often under-reported black history.

On April 22, Ms. Hudnell will receive the Judge James R. Knott Award, the highest honor presented by the Historical Society of Palm Beach County. This remarkable lady, a nonagenarian, hasn't slowed down, continuing to collect and curate information about the important events, awards and life in general of African Americans in West Palm Beach. I am delighted that she is a resident of my Congressional district, and am proud to recognize her on this day.

## TRIBUTE TO JESSE LINEBAUGH

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Jesse Linebaugh of Faegre Baker Daniels in Des Moines, Iowa, for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

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ON THE OCCASION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF LOCAL 58 OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, as the members and leadership of Local 58 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) gather to celebrate the centennial of their organization, I congratulate them on their many achievements and accomplishments.

As America approached the Twentieth Century, workers in an increasingly industrialized society saw the need to come together to promote safe working conditions, fair pay and strong professional operating standards—a labor movement that gave rise to the IBEW to protect electrical workers. From the beginning of the IBEW's existence, Detroit has had a strong membership, which resulted in the creation of Local 58 in 1914. Under its first President, Ed Ismond, the members of Local 58 worked diligently to realize increases in pay that better reflected the danger of their profession, increased flexibility in project design to ensure higher safety standards, and the creation of many workplace practices that continue to be the standard today. Among those practices are the eight hour workday, the forty hour work week, established rates of pay and established pay schedules.

At the turn of the century in late 1800s, advancements in manufacturing made it possible

to better harness the power of electricity—events which put the members of Local 58 at the center of major events in our nation's history. With the manufacturing boom in Detroit, members of Local 58 put their skills to work in the construction of structures that have become iconic of the economic might of our country: structures like the Ambassador Bridge, Masonic Temple, Penobscot Building and Michigan Central Station. And later, when America entered World War II, 200 members of Local 58 answered the call to serve our nation overseas and many more of its members served our nation in the Arsenal of Democracy, producing equipment that was vital to our success.

In the later decades of the 1900s, Local 58 continued in its mission to push for more effective workplace protections, seeking higher standards for the conditions allowed by contractors. As part of this effort, Local 58, the IBEW and their brothers and sisters in the labor movement became more politically active—directly engaging their legislative officials to discuss the importance of workplace safety.

Throughout its history, Local 58 and the IBEW, like many of their labor movement partners in other industries, have shown a dedication to training and continuing education for their members. Woven into the very fabric of Local 58, its apprenticeship training program can be traced back to 1923. Originally operated in partnership with Detroit Public Schools, the original trade school was located at Sixth and Abbott in Detroit. After moving to several locations over the next eighty years, Local 58 opened a 50,000 square foot training facility in Warren, with ten classrooms, three hands-on shop areas and many state-of-the-art labs, which supports nearly 240 apprentices. In addition to the apprenticeship programs, the center also supports the ongoing education of Local 58's members—more than 4,700 strong.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor that I am able to rise to recognize the incredible accomplishments of the men and women of Local 58 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. As masters of electricity, from the iconic skyline of Detroit to the current standards enjoyed by the American workforce at large, the members of Local 58 have been deeply involved in shaping the United States in the Twentieth Century. Their achievements over the last 100 years are truly remarkable and I am proud to continue standing in solidarity with them and their brothers and sisters in the labor movement to ensure that the future of our nation continues to be bright for all Americans.

HONORING THE INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE SWIM TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2014 NJCCA SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**HON. PATRICK MURPHY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Indian River State College swim team for winning yet another title for both the men's and women's teams during the 2014 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCCA) Swimming and Diving Cham-

pionships. These championships were hosted by the IRSC in Fort Pierce from March 5 through March 8.

In a competition against sixteen other college swim teams from across the country, the IRSC Swimming and Diving men's team succeeded in extending their amazing winning streak to 40 consecutive swimming titles, the longest unbroken championship winning streak in any sport at the collegiate level in the country. In an equal display of strength and sportsmanship, the women's team proudly brought home their 36th title.

These young men and women have demonstrated yet again that anything is possible through hard work, determination and a positive attitude. Their impressive accomplishments and unique sense of resilience inspire every single one of us, their fellow students, and their communities.

Mr. Speaker, the achievements of these remarkable individuals serve as an example that sports can have an outstandingly positive impact on our youth as they prepare to face the challenges of today's society. For this very reason, it is my honor to recognize these young athletes here today.

## BASELINE REFORM ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 8, 2014*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today we could be debating a jobs and infrastructure package. We could be working on a comprehensive effort to balance our budget and replace sequestration once and for all. But instead, we're wasting time debating this retreat of an old Republican ploy to further decimate the nation's discretionary budget.

Currently, the Congressional Budget Office rightfully assumes annual adjustments for inflation and population growth to reflect the cost of maintaining current services. For example, next year more children will attend schools on military bases. The CBO assumes a small increase in funding for these schools to ensure teachers and administrators have the resources they need. This idea that funding should keep pace with inflation and need makes sense. It reflects reality. It is an important concept in the business world, but the so-called reform before us today would freeze adjustments for inflation and population growth, undermining the usefulness of CBO's baselines and making it more difficult to measure the real-world impact of discretionary spending changes.

While this bill may appeal to those who profit from demagoguing the budget, it would drastically hurt the nation in the long-term. Flat-funding would mean a death by a thousand cuts to discretionary spending programs: every year inflation and population growth would chip away at the effectiveness of the investments we make in our future. At least the Republican budget is upfront about the obvious and drastic cuts it makes to education, food and nutrition assistance for women and infants, infrastructure, research and health care for seniors. This bill is about locking-in a years-long path to these deeply misguided goals under the guise of "reform."

Ordering CBO to ignore the needs of our people and the real impacts of spending is the height of fiscal recklessness. Congress experimented with imaginary budget assumptions when it passed the Reagan tax cuts and again with the George W. Bush tax cuts. As a result, we now find ourselves in a very real amount of debt. We remain unable to pay for needed investments in our crumbling infrastructure, and unable to pay for the education and retraining required to maintain American competitiveness, thanks to the refusal of our Republican colleagues to consider raising revenue by closing egregious tax loopholes.

So I'll vote "no" on this unwise and deceptive approach. And I ask colleagues to get down to the serious work of budgeting. Ranking Member VAN HOLLEN suggested an alternative that would replace the sequester and reduce the deficit. His approach would not ax Head Start programs for our nation's children, would not cause the further deterioration of our national infrastructure, would not kick seniors and veterans out of federally-supported housing, and would not furlough schoolteachers at bases like Fort Bragg, where the kids of our servicemen and servicewomen are being forced to go without school for five days this fall. Let's stop the partisan showmanship and get to work. Find a way to rid our nation of sequestration and put our country on a fiscally sustainable path.

#### TRIBUTE TO ANDY LASHIER

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Andy Lashier of Laser Resources in Urbandale, Iowa, for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, *Business Record*.

Since 2000, *Business Record* has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of nearly 600 business leaders and growing.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Andy in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Lashier for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great State of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Andy on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at *Business Record* for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE INVESTING IN STUDENT SUCCESS ACT OF 2014

#### HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing legislation today to expand access to a new and innovative private financing option to help students pay for postsecondary education.

The bill, entitled the Investing in Student Success Act, would create a legal framework where individuals or organizations can provide students with money for school in exchange for the student agreeing to make payments linked to their income for a set period of time after graduation. Students would have no loan balance to repay, so some students might end up paying less than the amount given to them and others more. These plans would serve as an alternative to student loans.

This concept is extremely innovative in its approach to financing college. Far too many students struggle to obtain enough financing through traditional sources to pay for college, and many others are saddled with unaffordable payments after graduation. These plans would help all students get the financing they need—including students from disadvantaged backgrounds—but without the anxiety that comes with traditional loans.

These ideas were originally proposed by Milton Friedman and were recently discussed in a report published by the American Enterprise Institute (AEI). One of the recommendations of the report was for Congress to create a legal framework that would provide investors with clarity regarding tax treatment, consumer disclosures, and other relevant aspects of these contracts. While there are a few small companies operating in this market, the report argues that the lack of legal clarity has prevented the growth of these financing options on a wide scale.

The AEI report also highlights the potential for these financing tools to help address the issue of college costs. It argues that investors will likely offer more generous terms to students for higher quality institutions and programs or for fields that are in high demand in the workforce. Therefore, by helping students navigate to programs that will set them up for success, these tools would likely put pressure on institutions to cut costs and improve quality.

Mr. Speaker, as some form of postsecondary education becomes increasingly essential to success in today's economy, we should ensure that students have an array of beneficial tools to help them finance their studies. I hope that my colleagues will join me in helping to make this new and innovative financing option available to them.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARLAN BOURNS

#### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Marlan Bourns, who passed away on Tuesday, March 18, 2014. Marlan was a pillar of the community in Riverside County and he will be deeply missed.

Marlan was born May 28, 1920, not far from Milford, Michigan, to Frank and Bernice Bourns and was raised from humble beginnings. He grew up in the same home his mother was raised in, which stood on 40 acres of farmland. Marlan was enrolled in the local school, Picket School, which only consisted of one room, but provided him with a quality education. While growing up, Marlan took on many jobs on the farm including counting sheep, collecting eggs from the hen coup, and bringing in water from the well. Marlan also developed an interest in the technical fields and started reading the magazine *Popular Mechanics* at a young age.

This interest quickly manifested itself into a passion and a hobby. Marlan took the technical knowledge he gained through reading and began building things by himself. He built a shooting gallery to practice his BB gun shot, a small working submarine, and eventually two working automobiles that could fit full-sized adults. Marlan also took up an interest in musical performance, and developed a knack for playing the saxophone during his high school years. He also honed his skills playing the clarinet and piano and created both a band and a lucrative business by playing his instruments at weddings. Soon, Marlan would go on to graduate high school with a perfect record and earned a spot at the University of Michigan where he would graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Physics and a lifetime membership with the Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society. Throughout his time in high school and as an undergraduate, Marlan's interest in technology was manifested during his shop classes and he was known for being able to convert innovative ideas into hardware.

Marlan also met the love of his life, Rosemary, during his time at the University of Michigan, whom he would marry in her parent's living room shortly after she graduated from the same university in 1947. After being selected for a top secret U.S. Navy program at the California Institute of Technology, which was instrumental in the development of the Manhattan Project, Marlan and his new bride made the cross-country trek to California with the help of her parents. The couple purchased an older home in Altadena, California, and started Bourns Laboratories, which recently celebrated its 65th Anniversary, in their single car garage.

Rosemary ran the business side of the operation and Marlan was the innovator, and together, they made an unstoppable team. The Bourns family worked diligently making and testing products with what little resources they had. With the creation of one successful prototype, made out of a Whitman's candy box, they earned a massive contract with Consolidated Vultee in San Diego for many of their projects including linear motion potentiometers, vane transducers, accelerometers and bourdon tube pressure transducers. Though the company would rapidly grow over the coming years, Rosemary and Marlan remained very personally involved in its development and made sure to establish relationships with their employees. They built manufacturing plants for their products all over the world, and found a passion for traveling as they regularly visited them.

Marlan, who holds over 100 patents to his name, was often honored throughout his career for his significant contributions to growth of the electronic components industry. He was

honored as the "Fellow of the Bourns College of Engineering" by the college he helped establish at University of California, Riverside. He and Rosemary were also honored as Sensors Magazine's 1996 Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010 and as Cal State University, San Bernardino's recipients of the Spirit of the Entrepreneur Award and Lifetime Achievement Award.

Marlan is survived by his son Gordon; daughters Linda Hill, Anita Macbeth and Denise Moyle; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren who will fondly remember his sense of humor and compassion for others.

Marlan will always be remembered for his incredible contributions to business, his work ethic, generosity, and love of family. His dedication to his work and community is a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Marlan's family and friends; although Marlan may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

#### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,567,074,702,635.03. We've added \$6,940,197,653,721.95 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

#### TRIBUTE TO WAYNE REAMES

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Wayne Reames of Belin McCormick in Des Moines, Iowa for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of nearly 600 business leaders and growing.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Wayne in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Reames for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues

in the House to join me in congratulating Wayne on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

#### HONORING HENRY GORDON PHILIP

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Henry Gordon Philip. Hank is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 360, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Hank has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Hank has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Hank has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Hank has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Hank built three hardwood benches that were placed in the vestibule of the Church of the Annunciation in Kearney, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Henry Gordon Philip for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### RECOGNIZING CLAUDIA NEIDHARDT

#### HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Claudia Neidhardt for her 17 years working in my district office and serving the people of the Sixth District of Massachusetts.

Claudia, a longtime resident of Newburyport, began working in my District office just months after I was first elected to Congress in 1997. For nearly two decades she has been the voice constituents have come to trust when they call my office seeking assistance.

Not only has Claudia served as the face of the office, she has assisted hundreds of constituents in applying for admission to military academies, obtaining passports and travel documentation, and navigating the intricacies of any number of government agencies. She has organized dozens of Congressional Art Competitions and stood with young constituents whose artwork has been chosen to hang in the halls of Congress each year.

Claudia's kindness and compassion toward the constituents of the Sixth District as well as her colleagues has truly made her the glue of my district office.

Claudia's commitment to youth is of special note. She has created a positive, welcoming environment for the many young women and

men who have worked with us through the years, demonstrating that public service is indeed an honorable profession. When I have the pleasure of running into our former interns, or those who have sought to serve our nation while continuing their education at one of our service academies, they often ask about Claudia and express how much they appreciate her care and personal attention to them.

I wish Claudia all the best as she embarks on a new chapter in her life alongside her husband Fred, their two children, Brian and Meg, and her grandchildren.

#### CONGRATULATING JOSEPH A. COGNITORE

#### HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Joseph A. Cognitore, Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Fischer-Hewins Post 6249 in Rocky Point, New York. Joe is a humble man of quiet leadership and vision who inspires many to recognize veterans and their invaluable service to our country. On April 9, Joe will be honored as Rocky Point Lions Club "Man of the Year", an accolade that recognizes his military service and his tireless home front efforts in assisting his fellow veterans, as well as his commitment to the needs of the Rocky Point community.

Joe was a U.S. Army Platoon Sergeant who served with honor in Vietnam from 1969 to 1971. His service earned him a Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge for his valor on the battlefield. After his discharge from the Army, Joe worked at the Coca Cola bottling plant in Suffolk County for 38 years, where he eventually became branch manager.

Following a legacy of military service and VFW membership, Joe joined the Farmingdale Post where his father served as Chaplain and his uncle as Commander. However, it was upon joining the Rocky Point Post in 1991 that he truly found his calling. In 1994, Joe became Commander of the Post, the position he currently holds. His leadership has resulted in increased membership, extensive outreach, and assistance to those in need, especially Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. For more than a decade, the Rocky Point VFW Post has raised funds to send weekly care packages to troops overseas.

Joe was also instrumental to the Diamond in the Pines 9/11 memorial project in Coram, raising more than \$40,000. Together with the hard work of the Post and the Town of Brookhaven, the memorial was completed in six months and dedicated on September 4, 2011.

Recently, Joe and other veteran leaders joined forces with Long Island Home Builders Care in their "Building New Homes for Returning Veterans" program, an affordable housing initiative that provides new homes to returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their families. Together with municipalities, private companies, volunteers, and many others, this collaborative effort resulted in the building of a new six-home subdivision named Veterans' Way. Just before Christmas Day 2013, a proud community watched six veterans, their wives, and their young children receive the



keys to their new homes. In order to support this worthy cause, the Rocky Point VFW Post sponsors an annual Wounded Warrior Golf Outing. The proceeds benefit Long Island Home Builders Care, the Wounded Warrior Project, and honors the death of U.S. Army Sgt. Jonathan Keller, a 1998 Shoreham-Wading River High School graduate who died in 2009 of injuries he received while serving in Afghanistan.

Joe also coordinates the VFW Post's Youth Council events, which connect young people with veterans to teach the importance of service and good citizenship. He is also an active member of the Rocky Point Senior Center, where he co-founded a program for senior citizen veterans.

On behalf of the First Congressional District, I rise today to recognize a man who has spent his life recognizing others; a respected leader whose commitment to service is unyielding. I am proud to call Joe Cognitore my constituent and prouder to call him my friend.

#### TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY RANALLO

##### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Anthony Ranallo of Merrill Lynch in Des Moines, Iowa for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, *Business Record*.

Since 2000, *Business Record* has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of nearly 600 business leaders and growing.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Anthony in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Ranallo for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Anthony on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at *Business Record* for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

#### GIRLS OF STEEL ROBOTICS TEAM

##### HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Girls of Steel robotics team on winning the Engineering Inspiration Award at the 2014 Pittsburgh Regional F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Competition.

This is the third year in a row in which they have won this prestigious award, which goes

to the team that does the most to increase appreciation for engineering in its community. I think that the remarkable accomplishment of winning this award three years running speaks volumes about the dedication these young women have to engineering as well as their considerable talent.

The Girls of Steel also won the Entrepreneurship Award at both the Buckeye Regional and the Greater Pittsburgh Regional competitions. This award recognizes a team that developed the best business plan to identify, manage, and accomplish its objectives.

F.I.R.S.T., which stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology," is an organization dedicated to engaging our students in the vital fields of science, technology, math, and engineering (STEM). Hundreds of thousands of students gain practical, team-based engineering experiences through F.I.R.S.T. every year.

As a founder and co-chair of the Congressional Robotics Caucus, I believe competitions like these are incredible tools for helping our young people explore potential careers in STEM. I've witnessed firsthand the incredible economic growth and development that these fields can bring in my home district, and I strongly believe that these fields are crucial to our Nation's future prosperity. For encouraging young people in these pursuits, I want to commend organizations like F.I.R.S.T. for their important work. The F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Competition allows students to apply creativity and critical thinking in the demanding and competitive field of robotics, all while instilling a strong sense of pride in participants.

Thirty-nine young women from high schools located in and around the Pittsburgh area are members of this year's Girls of Steel, and in recognition of their hard work, intelligence, and teamwork, I would like to mention each of these inspiring ladies by name. They are Isabella Arnone, Sonia Appasamy, Arushi Bandi, Elizabeth Bianchini, Grace Brueggman, Abbey Ceraso, Rachel Cherian, Claudia Contreras, Laurel Donatelli, Samantha Eppinger, Clarisa Espinoza-Delgado, Mackenzie Ferris, Naoka Gunawardena, Heather Harrington, Rosanne Harrison, Sydney Hnat, Shoko Kanemoto, Campbell Konrad, Elizabeth Kysel, Jisue Lee, Sylvia Lee, Sophia Lee, Cheyenne Meyers, Gigi Nieson, Anne Kailin Northam, Maddie Oppelt, Simran Parwani, Korryn Resetar, Rachel Round, Kaitlyn Schaffer, Kriti Shah, Grace Schneider, Katie Shreve, Makalya Shreve, Lynn Urbina, Molly Urbina, Becca Volk, Alayna Yates, and Natalie Young.

I would also like to mention that two of the Girls of Steel, Simran Parwani of Fox Chapel High School and Sylvie Lee from Shady Side Academy, were awarded the prestigious F.I.R.S.T. Dean's List Award. This award highlights and celebrates exemplary student leaders who demonstrate and embody F.I.R.S.T.'s ideals.

Additionally, I want to convey my sincere appreciation to the staff of Carnegie Mellon University's Field Robotics Center, who have mentored the Girls of Steel since 2010. Because of their efforts, more young women can experience real-world technological challenges and learn from some of the Nation's best at solving these problems. These experiences will certainly benefit these young women in the future.

I look forward to hearing about their progress as they advance to the F.I.R.S.T.

Championship in St. Louis—the final and largest competition of its kind. This will be their fourth trip in four years and they will be competing against top teams from all over the world. I congratulate the Girls of Steel and wish them all continued success in their academic and professional endeavors.

#### HONORING EDYTH ANN WORTHY

##### HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and celebrate the life and career of Edyth Ann Worthy on the occasion of her 88th birthday. On April 10, 2014, hundreds of friends and former students will gather for an appreciation reception at the Old Country Store in Jackson, Tennessee to celebrate Ms. Worthy's 37 years in education.

Edyth Ann Worthy was born and raised in Lenoir City, Tennessee and graduated with education degrees from both Tennessee Tech and George Peabody University. After two years with Tullahoma High School, Ms. Worthy moved to West Tennessee to become the physical education teacher and head girls' basketball coach at Jackson High School.

During her 35 years with the Jackson-Madison County School System, Ms. Worthy coached basketball, sponsored the cheerleaders and the Tri-Hi-Y club, was the director for the YMCA day camp, and served as the official hostess for the TSSAA Girls State Basketball Tournament held in Jackson during the 1960's and 1970's. For all of her efforts and dedication for youth sports, Ms. Worthy received the Jackson-Madison County Sports Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Award in 1995.

Even after her official retirement, Ms. Worthy's love for education continued as she worked part-time at Union University's Music Department. For her unwavering devotion to education, sports, and the children of Jackson-Madison County, Ms. Worthy certainly deserves the appreciation and recognition from her students, friends, and our whole community. On behalf of Tennessee's 8th Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Edyth Ann Worthy.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CARBONDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

##### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the Carbondale Public Library, which will celebrate its 140th anniversary on May 9, 2014. The library was founded in the winter of 1873 by the Principal of Schools, E. Francis, and incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth in 1875. In 1983, it became part of the Library System managed by Lackawanna County. In 1996, the Carbondale Public Library moved into a new facility next to Carbondale City Hall.

Today, the library is an active learning hub in the community—featuring events and educational workshops—and a fantastic resource



for those interested in local history and the genealogy of Carbondale residents. The Alice Ahern Lynady Room is home to a collection of microfilms containing local periodicals from as early as the 1830s and Carbondale directories dating back to 1900. The library's wide-ranging collection also includes cemetery records, photographic histories, books and documentaries about Carbondale and the surrounding regions, and subscriptions to genealogy software services.

It is an honor to commemorate such a valuable and long-standing institution like the Carbondale Public Library. This invaluable resource brings the Carbondale community together to learn and explore. I hope that it continues this tradition of scholasticism and unity throughout the 21st Century.

#### TRIBUTE TO ANNE PHAM

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Anne Pham of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, *Business Record*.

Since 2000, *Business Record* has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of nearly 600 business leaders and growing.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Anne in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Ms. Pham for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Anne on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at *Business Record* for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

#### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

SPEECH OF

#### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 8, 2014*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H. Con. Res. 96) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024:

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Chair, a number of political pundits have asked why House Repub-

licans are advancing a budget this year considering the House and Senate have already agreed upon a top-level budgetary baseline for the upcoming fiscal year. Apparently, Senate Democrats agree with these pundits and have announced that they will not produce a budget. Clearly, these pundits and Senate Democrats have been in Washington for far too long.

The American people did not send us to Congress to look for shortcuts and to find the easy way out. Last year's budget agreement did not magically solve our fiscal challenges, so we need to roll up our sleeves and get to work.

Thankfully, under the leadership of Budget Committee Chairman PAUL RYAN, House Republicans are doing just that. Our budget makes the tough decisions necessary to grow our economy by curbing the growth of federal spending and making critical reforms to our entitlement programs.

Critics of the Republican budget call our spending cuts draconian. On the current path, spending will grow, on average, by 5.2 percent a year over the next decade. Under this budget, spending will grow, on average, by 3.5 percent a year. That's not austerity, that's responsibility.

Our budget does cut \$5.1 trillion in spending and balances over the next ten years—without raising taxes. On the other hand, the Democrat's budget raises taxes by \$1.8 trillion, increases spending by \$740 billion more than current policy, while growing our annual deficit to \$637 billion in 2024.

While the differences between our budgetary priorities are clear, it is essential that both sides of the aisle work together and build upon last year's budget agreement. Moving back to regular order of approving a budget and advancing the annual individual appropriations bills is the best form of governance possible. Every year, our federal agencies and programs need to be closely examined so that we can remove any waste, fraud, abuse or inefficiencies.

Mr. Chair, the budget before us is an important step towards establishing a responsible fiscal foundation for the next fiscal year as well as the years to come. I look forward to working with my colleagues on the House Budget Committee and Appropriations Committee in executing the vision and priorities laid out in this budget.

I once again want to thank Chairman RYAN for his thoughtful, dedicated work on this budget, which will be his last as Chairman, and I urge all of my colleagues to support it.

#### HONORING KALEB BEHEE

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kaleb Behee. Kaleb is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1138, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kaleb has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kaleb has been involved with

scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kaleb has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Kaleb built a set of heavy-duty tables for the Blue Springs High School Golden Regiment Marching Band in Blue Springs, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kaleb Behee for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT AFFIRMATION AND NAVAL VESSEL TRANSFER ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

#### HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 7, 2014*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, this morning, I had the honor of taking part in a video conference with President of Taiwan, Mr. Ma Ying-jeou, at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. President Ma offered his insights on the U.S.-Taiwan bilateral relationship, especially timely given the 35th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act. President Ma's speech follows below:

#### OPENING REMARKS

I would first like to extend my appreciation to the Center for Strategic and International Studies for organizing this video-conference for the third time. I believe this is the second time Dr. Hamre has hosted this event, and I want to thank him wholeheartedly. On the eve of the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA), a landmark piece of legislation that has laid the cornerstone of the robust relationship between the Republic of China and the United States, I am especially pleased to have this opportunity to discuss the unique partnership between our two countries with such a distinguished audience.

#### A STRONG AND LONG-STANDING FRIENDSHIP

The friendship between the Republic of China and the U.S. dates back over one century. It all began with a desire for mutual understanding. The Boxer Indemnity Scholarship Program was established by the U.S. in 1909 with an endowment of 10.8 million U.S. dollars. The scholarship allowed Chinese students to study in the U.S., and in 1911 helped establish the forerunner of the prestigious National Tsing Hua University, which has educated generations of young talent in mainland China and Taiwan, including three Nobel laureates. My hat is off to my American friends for having the foresight to initiate such a beneficial scholarship program. The idea behind it was the American vision to provide educational opportunities for a vast but poor and backward Asian country surrounded by insatiable imperialist powers.

During the first half-century of our partnership, the United States played a vital role in ensuring the Republic of China's survival and development. In August 1941, for instance, four months before the Pearl Harbor attack, the U.S. dispatched the Flying Tigers to help in China's difficult war against Japan. They shot down more than 200 Japanese military aircraft during the first seven months after their arrival in China.

In January 1943, the U.S. abrogated the 100-year old unequal treaty system, with its extraterritoriality and consular jurisdiction, and signed the Sino-American New Equal Treaty with us in Washington, a signal that the U.S. sought a truly equitable partnership with the Republic of China.

On December 1st, 1943, the United States, United Kingdom, and Republic of China issued the historic Cairo Declaration, in which they demanded that Japan restore all territories stolen from the Chinese, such as Manchuria, Taiwan, and the Pescadores, to the Republic of China. This position was reconfirmed in the Potsdam Proclamation on July 26th, 1945 and realized 38 days later with the signing of the Japanese Instrument of Surrender on September 2nd. We truly appreciate America's vital military and diplomatic role during this period in helping the Republic of China recover sovereignty over Taiwan.

From 1950 to 1965, the U.S. provided Taiwan with 1.5 billion U.S. dollars in economic aid. Our two countries signed a Mutual Defense Treaty in 1954 under which the U.S. guaranteed our security. This provided a peaceful external environment that enabled Taiwan to create an economic miracle. Since then, the U.S. has stood by Taiwan through thick and thin.

#### 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

Relations between the ROC and U.S. changed drastically in 1978, a year that I look back upon with profound regret. In December that year, President Jimmy Carter decided to switch diplomatic recognition from Taipei to Beijing. To remedy the situation, the Carter administration submitted a draft version of the TRA to the Congress. But because of the inadequacies of the draft, Congress made many crucial improvements. On April 10th, President Carter signed the bill into law, and made it retroactively effective from January 1st, 1979. The TRA, according to an American scholar at the time, re-recognized Taiwan after it had been de-recognized by the Carter administration.

I was glad to learn that just two days ago, the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed a bill reaffirming the unwavering commitment of the U.S. to the TRA. The TRA provides the legal framework for many agreements signed between Taiwan and U.S., including a potential bilateral investment agreement. With solid bipartisan support in the U.S. Congress, our two countries have maintained strong political, security, economic, and cultural ties that have helped ensure and enhance peace and stability in East Asia. Another U.S. commitment was the Reagan administration's Six Assurances to Taiwan in July 1982, in which the U.S. reiterated its continued commitment to Taiwan's security.

When I took office in May 2008, I made it my top priority to improve Taiwan's relationship with the U.S. by restoring high-level mutual trust, which was nearly nonexistent at the time. Today, ROC-U.S. relations are the strongest they've been in 35 years or more. With U.S. support, Taiwan has been able to improve cross-strait relations and confidently engage Beijing from a position of strength.

Continued American backing, under the mandate of the TRA, for Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations is another present-day example of U.S. support for our foreign policy goals. In May 2009, the ROC health minister attended the World Health Assembly in Geneva after an absence of 38 years. In September last year, the Director-General of our Civil Aeronautics Administration was invited as a guest of the President of the Council of the

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to attend ICAO's 38th Assembly in Montreal, Canada, after an absence of 42 years. These were major steps forward in our efforts to achieve more international participation.

#### THE ROC: A PEACEMAKER AND HUMANITARIAN AID PROVIDER

Using what I call the policy of "viable diplomacy," we have expanded Taiwan's international space, and strengthened relations with our allies and neighbors. Taiwan contributes to regional peace, prosperity, and stability through timely and concrete actions.

As many of you know, Taiwan, mainland China, and Japan all claim sovereignty over a group of small islets in the East China Sea known as the Diaoyutai Islands. These islands are uninhabited, but are located near rich fishing grounds, undersea hydrocarbon deposits, and some of the world's busiest shipping lanes.

In recent years, the danger of confrontation over the Diaoyutai Islands has grown tremendously. That is why I proposed the East China Sea Peace Initiative in August 2012. I wanted to demonstrate that a different path and a more hopeful outcome are possible. This initiative elevates peaceful negotiation over confrontation. It de-emphasizes the territorial nature of the dispute and focuses on resource sharing and cooperation.

On April 10th last year, exactly a year ago tomorrow, we signed the Taiwan-Japan Fisheries Agreement. There had been 16 rounds of fruitless negotiations in the previous 16 years, but we were able to get it done in the 17th round. We achieved success by proceeding on the basis that "while sovereignty cannot be compromised, resources may be shared." The agreement allows fishing boats from both countries to operate, for the first time in more than 40 years, in disputed waters twice the size of Taiwan near the Diaoyutai Islands. Meanwhile, the territorial claims of both sides remain intact thanks to the inclusion of a "without prejudice" clause. The agreement embraces the spirit of the East China Sea Peace Initiative, and has won wide support within Taiwan and Japan, from the U.S., and in the international community in general.

We also acted in line with the East China Sea Peace Initiative to resolve a dispute with the Philippines after the Philippine Coast Guard shot a Taiwan fisherman dead in May last year. After months of intense negotiations, the Philippine government made an official apology, provided compensation for the victim's family. The perpetrators were charged with homicide by the Philippine Department of Justice last month. In addition, the two sides agreed to refrain from the use of force in law enforcement actions, to notify the other side before taking any enforcement action, and to promptly release detained fishing vessels and crew in case of arrest.

Then, in November last year, when the Philippines was hard hit by Typhoon Haiyan—known there as Typhoon Yolanda—causing more than 6,000 deaths, we immediately delivered 680 tons of relief supplies to the devastated area on 18 air force cargo flights and one naval vessel. The donations were worth 12 million U.S. dollars.

After the Japanese earthquake in March 2011, which took more than 18,000 lives, my government immediately announced a donation of 3.3 million U.S. dollars to assist in the rescue effort. In the following two months, the people of Taiwan donated around 230 million U.S. dollars. This was the single largest amount of foreign assistance ever donated by the people of Taiwan. In fact, it exceeded the sum total of donations

provided to Japan by 93 other countries that provided assistance. I would add that my wife and I also played a small part when we joined a telethon to solicit donations.

These measures reflect our determination to be a peacemaker and a provider of humanitarian aid in the international community.

To forestall the possibility of military conflict over the East China Sea Air Defense Identification Zone, I issued the Statement on East China Sea Air Space Security on February 26 this year. In this statement, I proposed that all parties concerned should seek to resolve disputes by peaceful means pursuant to international law and the East China Sea Peace Initiative. I also proposed that the parties should formulate an East China Sea Code of Conduct and set up a multilateral negotiation mechanism.

I was pleased to learn of the testimony given by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Daniel Russel on February 5 this year before the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific. He mentioned that the principles of the East China Sea Peace Initiative "are at the heart of the U.S. strategy and the U.S. effort, namely respect for international law and peaceful resolution of disputes." In fact, the spirit of the East China Sea Peace Initiative could also apply to the South China Sea.

#### A PEACEFUL TAIWAN STRAIT

Now, let us turn to cross-strait relations. Since I took office in 2008, I have pursued a cross-strait policy of maintaining the political status quo. This means "no unification, no independence, and no use of force" under the framework of the ROC Constitution. It also means maintaining peaceful cross-strait relations on the basis of the 1992 Consensus, namely, "one China, respective interpretations." And in order to ensure sustainable peace across the Taiwan Strait, I have also formally announced that we will not pursue policies such as "two Chinas," "one China, one Taiwan," or "Taiwan independence."

Thanks to the joint efforts of both sides, cross-strait relations are at their best state in over six decades. To date, the two sides have completed 10 rounds of talks, signed 21 agreements, and plan to exchange representative offices in the future. Some of the main areas covered under the 21 agreements include economic cooperation, transportation, health, science, agriculture, and mutual judicial assistance. The number of regularly scheduled direct cross-strait flights has increased from zero to 118 per day. The number of mainland visitors per year has gone up from 290,000 to 2.8 million, nearly a tenfold increase. And the number of mainland students in Taiwan has jumped from 800 to 24,000, a thirtyfold increase. Meanwhile, law enforcement agencies from Taiwan and the mainland have cooperated to arrest nearly 6,000 criminal suspects. As a result, the number of scam cases has been cut by 60% from its peak, and the resulting financial losses to victims in Taiwan have fallen by 80% from its peak. It is evident that improved cross-strait relations bring tangible benefits to Taiwan.

We'll continue to focus on similar topics. We do not exclude political topics, however, if the people of Taiwan support it.

Our Mainland Affairs Minister Wang Yu-Chi visited mainland China last February to meet in Nanjing with his counterpart, Minister Zhang Zhijun of the Taiwan Affairs Office. This was the first official meeting of its kind since the two sides came under separate rule 65 years ago. This meeting represented the gradual institutionalization of the cross-strait relationship, and was a historic milestone on the path toward sustainable peace and prosperity. These developments prove that viable diplomacy and cross-strait relations are indeed complementary and constitute a virtuous cycle.

Again, I want to thank the United States for Assistant Secretary Daniel Russel's recent testimony in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where he said, and I quote, "we very much welcome and applaud the extraordinary progress that has occurred in cross-strait relations under the Ma administration."

#### ENHANCING ROC-U.S. ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Trade and investment relations between the ROC and U.S. have always been close. In 2013, Taiwan was the 12th largest trading partner of the U.S. for goods, with 57.7 billion U.S. dollars in two-way trade. The United States is the largest source of foreign direct investment in Taiwan, cumulatively investing 23 billion U.S. dollars as of January 2014.

In March last year, we resumed talks under the 1994 Taiwan-U.S. Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA), and we just successfully concluded the 8th TIFA meetings last week in Washington. I want to praise the hard work of both sides and the positive outcome achieved in the meetings. I hope that we can launch the negotiation of a bilateral investment agreement (BIA) in the near future. A BIA would serve as the beginning of a more robust and comprehensive economic relationship between our two countries.

Taiwan is an important security and economic partner of the U.S., as former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stated in 2011. To further demonstrate our commitment to enhancing trade and investment relations with the U.S., Taiwan sent a delegation of 42 business leaders to the SelectUSA Investment Summit last fall. Our delegation was the third largest among over 60 participating countries. We also dispatched a high-level CEO delegation led by former ROC Vice President Vincent Siew to the U.S. last November to promote investment in the U.S. from Taiwan.

#### ROC'S DETERMINATION TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

To improve Taiwan's competitiveness and avoid the danger of being marginalized, I began pursuing deregulation and market opening immediately after taking office in 2008. The lack of diplomatic ties makes it difficult for us to negotiate free trade agreements (FTAs) with our major trading partners. To break the isolation, we decided to start with mainland China, our largest trading partner since 2003. We successfully concluded the Cross-Straits Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) in 2010. This was followed in 2011 by an investment agreement with Japan, our second largest trading partner and investor. Last year, we signed an economic cooperation agreement (ANZTEC) with New Zealand in July, and an economic partnership agreement (ASTEP) with Singapore in November. We are also in contact with other potential partners in Asia and Europe in the hope of concluding more such accords.

In addition to bilateral trade negotiations, we must also take part in regional arrangements. Taiwan has highly developed markets, and shares Pacific borders with the world's three largest economies—the U.S., mainland China, and Japan. The ASEAN nations are also nearby. Taiwan should not be excluded from the process of economic integration in East Asia.

Given that Taiwan's trade with the 12 members of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) in 2013 came to nearly 200 billion U.S. dollars and accounted for 34% of Taiwan's total external trade, we believe Taiwan's membership in the TPP would definitely be beneficial not only for Taiwan, but also for all TPP member states.

Moreover, a TPP with Taiwan's membership would not only assure Taiwan's economic security, but would also help strengthen the economic presence of the U.S. in the Asia-Pacific region. In this regard, I am pleased to acknowledge the statements made by Assistant Secretary of State Daniel Russel and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Kin Moy recently at Congressional hearings. At the hearings, they both stated that the U.S. welcomed Taiwan's interest in the TPP.

In the meantime, Taiwan also trades heavily with the 16 member countries of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). In 2013, our trade volume with RCEP countries came to 325 billion U.S. dollars, or about 57% of Taiwan's total external trade. It is only natural that Taiwan is also seeking membership in the RCEP.

A recent effort by our government for a TPP and RCEP membership is the free economic pilot zones (FEPZs). The goal of the FEPZs is to establish a good environment for doing business, and to pave the way for Taiwan's membership in the TPP and RCEP. The American Chamber of Commerce in Taipei puts out a magazine called Taiwan Business Topics that has commented on our FEPZs. Allow me to quote from the magazine: "The (Taiwan) government's initiative in establishing Free Economic Pilot Zones is an indication of its seriousness in seeking innovative new directions for the Taiwan economy." The new directions that the Chamber is referring to here are liberalization and globalization.

#### CONCLUSION

Ladies and gentlemen, Taiwan and the U.S. are determined to maintain peace and stability in East Asia, and we are working together to do so. If actions speak louder than words, then the U.S. has certainly spoken loudly and forcefully in support of our century-long partnership. We continue to be grateful for America's political, economic, and security support.

And, as I have noted, with admission to the TPP and RCEP a top priority for my administration, I hope, on this 35th anniversary of the TRA, that the United States will join us in this effort. I do believe we can approach this goal as the beginning of a bright new chapter in the Taiwan-U.S. partnership. The sky is the limit, so let's soar on the wings of this unique partnership!

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for your attention. I now look forward to your questions.

#### TRIBUTE TO MATTHEW MCKINNEY

##### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Matthew McKinney of Brown Winick in Des Moines, Iowa, for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, *Business Record*.

Since 2000, *Business Record* has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of com-

munity involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of nearly 600 business leaders and growing.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Matthew in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. McKinney for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Matthew on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at *Business Record* for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

#### A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MARIE WOLBACH

##### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary woman and devoted leader in our community who has inspired numerous girls to strive for success and excel in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics STEM. Marie Wolbach cares deeply about ensuring that girls have the educational tools they need, and through the sheer force of her knowledge, determination, advocacy, participation, and persuasive talents, she created a unique educational opportunity for them.

Marie Wolbach is a retired medical sociologist and recognizes the critical need for girls to learn about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. She founded Tech Trek in 1998 with the help of an American Association of University Women (AAUW) Community Action Grant. Tech Trek is a weeklong science, technology, engineering, and mathematics summer camp for underserved rising eighth-grade girls, offering them an opportunity to enter a world that empowers and encourages them to think about themselves as future scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and computer specialists. Since Tech Trek began on the campus of Stanford University, it has grown to ten camps on eight college campuses in California, and in 2013, it expanded nationally to seven other states where it has already positively impacted the lives of the girls who attended. Because of Marie Wolbach's vision, Tech Trek graduates are breaking barriers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math, with surveys demonstrating that 96 percent of their former participants are now in college, and 54 percent are STEM majors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to this extraordinary woman as she is honored with the "Unsung Heroes" Jefferson Award. KPIX 5 nominated her for this prestigious award which she has earned and richly deserves. Marie Wolbach's unparalleled vision for a better future for girls strengthens our nation immeasurably and makes her a national treasure. It is a high privilege to represent Marie Wolbach, and call her my friend.

RECOGNIZING HYUNDAI HOPE ON  
WHEELS CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
FIGHTING PEDIATRIC CANCER

**HON. MIKE KELLY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hyundai Hope On Wheels, a leading contributor to pediatric cancer research nationwide, on celebrating its 16th year in the fight against childhood cancer.

Hope On Wheels has one wish—and it is a wish I share: to end childhood cancer.

Among the largest private funders of cancer research in the United States, Hyundai Hope On Wheels is at the forefront with its singular and steadfast mission of eradicating childhood cancer.

Each year, approximately 15,000 parents will hear the words, “Your child has cancer.” Even today, based on average statistics, more than 40 children are expected to be diagnosed with cancer and their average age will be just 6 years old. Children diagnosed with cancer come from all across our country and from all walks of life. Pediatric cancer affects all ethnic, gender, and socio-economic groups. This disease does not discriminate in its victims—any child could be a victim.

Even with all the advances in modern medicine, 12 percent of children diagnosed with cancer will not survive.

To be sure, research and treatment has improved the “rate of survival” for children. The overall survival rate for cancer survivors has improved over the years with an overall survival rate of 10 percent just 40 years ago to nearly 90 percent today. That is a drastic im-

provement. However, despite major advances, the number of diagnosed cases annually has not declined in nearly two decade years. For many with rare cancers, survival rates remain low. At the end of the day, even with the amazing process we have made, childhood cancer still is responsible for killing more children and teenagers every year more than any other disease.

That is why the work Hyundai Hope On Wheels does is critical. Through the innovative medical research leveraged and supported by Hope On Wheels, America is making strides toward ending pediatric cancer.

Hope On Wheels supports hundreds of research grants including the Hyundai Scholar Grant and the Hyundai Hope Grant. The first grant is a \$75,000 grant for research or programmatic projects available to young nominated investigators. The later grant is a \$250,000 competitive grant open to all researchers pursuing innovative research with the greatest overall potential to impact the lives of children battling cancer.

Just this month, the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh received the 2014 Hyundai Scholar’s Hope Grant, which is a two-year research award in the amount of \$250,000. This award will allow doctors to continue to work on life-saving cancer therapies and to treat children from the Third District of Pennsylvania and beyond. By the end of 2014, Hyundai Hope On Wheels will have awarded more than \$86 million towards childhood cancer research in pursuit of a cure.

Mr. Speaker, by working to improve the survival rate of our nation’s children diagnosed with cancer, I ask that my colleague join with me today in recognizing the good work of Hyundai Hope On Wheels. Committed to the fight against pediatric cancer, Hope On Wheels is providing the next generation of

America’s children with the hope of a healthy future.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM MILLER

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like William in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Miller for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating William on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## APRIL 29

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

To hold hearings to examine driving innovation through Federal investments.

SD-G50

## APRIL 30

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the President's 2014 Trade Policy Agenda.

SD-215

## MAY 20

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

Business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SD-G50

11 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

Closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222

2 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

Closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

Business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SD-G50

5 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

Business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the pro-

posed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SD-G50

## MAY 21

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

Business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SD-G50

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222

## MAY 22

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222

## MAY 23

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222